

- NABHAN, G.P. 1989. **Enduring Seeds: Native American agriculture and Wild plant conservation.** (ISBN 0-86547-343-9). North Point Press, 850 Talbot Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94706; (415)527-6260. \$18.95, hbk, xxiv + 225 pp.
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- RICHARDSON, A. 1990. **Plants of southernmost Texas.** Gorgas Science Foundation, Inc., 83 Fort Brown, Brownsville, TX 78520. (ISBN 0-9627293-0-2) \$15 ppd, pbk, 298 pp, illustrated.

"Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties. Whenever possible, ordinary English words are used instead of "botanese." There are some botanical terms which must be used, but they are defined in the glossary and sometimes also in the text. The identification process has been made as easy as possible, and difficult technical characteristics are used only as a last resort."

All 823 native plants (exclusive of grasses) are described and keyed. Despite the absence of this important family of plants the book is very useful.

- COMPILED. Forward by P. Stegner. 1990. **The WPA guide to the Monterey Peninsula.** Reprinted by and available from the University of Arizona Press, 1230 North Park Avenue, Suite 102, Tucson, AZ 85719. (ISBN 0-8165-1145-4) \$13.95, pbk, 207 pp. 75 illustrations.

"The WPA Guide to the Monterey Peninsula" is a blend of history and self-guided tours of Monterey, Carmel, Pacific Grove, and Big Sur. Included are numerous photos from the '30s and woodcuts by San Francisco engraver Mallett Dean. Also in the book are a chronology of the Monterey Peninsula and a glossary of Spanish names and terms." Chapter 1. The Peninsula; chapter 2. The Three Cities; chapter 3. Shore and Valley; chapter 4. Appendices.

- ALCOCK, J. 1990. **Sonoran Desert Summer.** University of Arizona Press, 1230 North Park Avenue, Suite 102, Tucson, AZ 85719, (602)621-3920. (ISBN 0-8165-1150-0). \$19.95, hbk, x + 188 pp, illustrated..

"Life and death, "noisy violence, sex, and excitement": it's all there among the birds and animals, the trees, shrubs, and insects that live in the Desert Southwest." The author reveals the fascination of life in this unique environment.

- MERTZWEILLER, J.D. (ed.) 1991. **Fiftieth anniversary publication of the Society for Louisiana irises. 1941 – 1991.** Franklin Press, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA. Order from: Society for Louisiana Irises, Box 40175 U.S.L., Lafayette, LA 70504. \$10.00. ix + 128.

Contents: Dr. John K. Small (R.A. Bazet), Botanist and Friend; Iris studies in the Gulf States (J.K. Small); Harvesting Iris seeds in the Gulf States (J.K. Small); Salvaging the native American Irises (John K. Small); Vanishing Iris (J.K. Small); Addisonia color plants (J.K. Small and M.E. Eaton); Bazet to the Doctor to Bazet (J.K. Mertzweiller).

WEBER, W.A. 1990. **Colorado flora: eastern slope.** (ISBN 0-87081-213-0). University Press of Colorado, P.O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544, (303)530-5337. Hbk, xxxviii + 396. Illustrated, color.

This is the companion volume to Colorado flora: western slope. Contents: Preface, Introduction, Key to the families, Ferns and Fern allies, Gymnosperms, Angiosperms, Figures, Glossary of terms, Index to common names, Index to genera.

WITTMANN, R.C. and W.A. WEBER. 1992. **Catalog of the Colorado flora: a biodiversity baseline.** (ISBN 0-87081-243-2). University Press of Colorado, P.O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544, (303)530-5337. \$34.95, hbk, xiv + 215 pp.

"The *Catalog of the Colorado Flora* accounts for all names used for Colorado vascular plants, lichens, and bryophytes, from 1874 to the present. Lists of synonyms with forwarding addresses are given for names no longer in use, and plants originally described from Colorado specimens dating back to the 1860s are listed with their bibliographic citations and specific data. Introduced (adventive) and endemic species are also noted. References on which Colorado records were based are provided and keyed into a comprehensive bibliography."

SPEARING, D. 1991. **Roadside geology of Texas.** (ISBN 0-87842-265-X). Mountain Press Publishing Company, P.O. Box 2399, Missoula, MT 59806, 1-800-234-5308, fax (406)728-1635. \$15.95, pbk, illustrations, xiv + 418 pp.

This is the seventeenth title in Mountain Press' Roadside Geology series. "*Roadside Geology of Texas* explains how common geologic processes shaped and molded the landscapes you see today. The geologic panorama of Texas is as wide as the state is big—sweeping from volcanic mesas and thrusting mountains in the west to red canyons of the Panhandle, along tropical sand barriers of the Gulf Coast, and across limestone plateaus in the center of the state." Chapter 1. The big picture, chapter 2. The gulf coast, chapter 3. Central Texas (Hill country, caves, and plateaus), chapter 4. Northeast Texas (Lignite and piney woods, chapter 5. Northcentral Texas (Red beds and Dinosaur tracks), chapter 6. West Texas (Mountain Country), chapter 7. Northwest Texas (The panhandle – High Plains).

KLINKA, A., V.J. KRAJINA, A. CESKA, and A.M. SCAGEL. 1989. **Indicator plants of coastal British Columbia.** (ISBN 0-7748-0321-5). University of British Columbia Press, #303 – 6344 Memorial Rod, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5, CANADA. (604)228-3259. \$36.95, Tanalin Binding, illustrations, 409 color, 46 tables, 9 figures, 300 pp.

This is a very beautiful identification guide. Contents: Tables, Figures, Acknowledgments,

Introduction, Basic concepts, Concepts and methods related to indicator plants, site attributes and indicator species, Indicator plant analysis, Distribution and ecological characteristics of indicator plants, References.

FOSTER, S. and J.A. DUKE. 1990. **A field guide to medicinal plants: eastern and central North America.** Text by Steven Foster and James A. Duke, line drawings by Roger Tory Peterson, Jim Rose, and Lee Allen Peterson; photographs by Steven Foster. (ISBN 0-395-46722-5, pbk). Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park St., Boston, MA 02108. (617)725-5972. \$24.95 (hbk), \$15.95 (pbk), illustrated, color, xvi + 366 pp.

Another one of those Peterson Field Guides that is pack with information in addition on telling you how to identify the 500 medicinal plants covered. Each plant is illustrated with numerous full color photographs on about half of the plants. This handy pocket book is recommended regardless of whether the medicinal aspect is of interest

HARTZELL, H. JR. 1991. **The yew tree. A thousand whispers (Biography of a species).** (ISBN 0-938493-14-0, pbk). Hulogosi, P.O. Box 1188, Eugene, OR 97440. \$19.95, illustrated, photographs, xvi + 319 pp.

Hartzell has brought together in one place an amazing amount of information on one plant. It is a wonderful overview of the yew's history, botany, culture, and use of the compound taxol which is being tested against cancer. Interesting!

FISHER, T.R. 1989. **The vascular flora of Ohio Volume 2: The dicotyledoneae of Ohio. Part 3: Asteraceae.** Text by T. Richard Fisher, original drawings by Sharon Ames Glett. (ISBN 0-8142-0446-5(pt3), hbk). Ohio State University Press, 180 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1002. (614)292-6930. \$65.00. xiv + 280 pp.

Part three of volume two covers 75 genera and 276 species represented in the Ohio flora. Each species is illustrated and provided with a Ohio distribution map. Ohio floristic workers should find this book useful and necessary.

BRIDSON, G.D.R. (Compiler & Editor) and E.R. Smith (Ed. Asst.) 1991. **B-P-H/S Botanico-Periodicum-Huntianum/Supplementum.** (ISBN 0-913196-54-1, hbk). Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. \$103.00 (including phi), 1068 pp.

This is a must book for any serious research library. The following best describes the new *B-P-H/S* and is directly from the introduction. "This work forms both a supplement to and a partial revision of *B-P-H Botanico-Periodicum-Huntianum*, published by the Hunt Institute in 1968. Since *B-P-H* is not fully superseded, the present work is designed as a "key" to the locations of entries in both volumes. *B-P-H* included entries for "more than 12,000 titles" published down to the end of 1967. With the new titles now added, the total number of entries has risen to over 25,000 and the period of coverage is extended to the end of 1990, with the addition of a few new titles from 1991."